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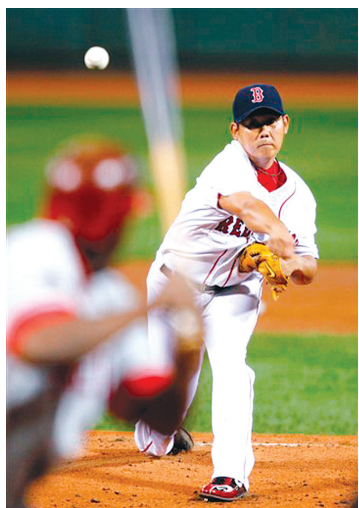


In this photo released by the European Parliament, European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso delivers a speech after his reelection as European Commission president, at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009.

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SPORTS NEWS

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Boston Red Sox's Daisuke Matsuzaka, right, pitches to Los Angeles Angels' Vladimir Guerrero in the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, in Boston.

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Launching the "Positive School Tour"

World Champion Shanayah Howell visits schools of Aruba



SAN NICOLAS - As the official spokesperson for Malta Balashi, Shanayah Howell and Foundation Shanayah Howell, together with the sales and marketing team of Tropical Bottling Company launched the "positive school tour". This all started in the neighborhood of San Nicolas,

where Shanayah and her father Alan Howell shared words of wisdom to no less than 12 schools. The Schools visited were Caiquetio School, Pieter Boer School, Hilaria Angela School, Maria Regina School, Graf van Zinzendorf, St. Theresita school, Filomena college, Paulus School, Heilig



Hart College, Kukwisa and Colegio Cristo Rey.

Shanayah explained to all students how she combined her hobby as a world champion bike crosser and her studies and what she had experience as a world class athlete from Aruba at such a young age.

The sales and marketing team of tropical bottling company were also present to also hand out promotional gifts in form of caps and all students were impressed by the visit of Shanayah and her achievements Shanayah Howell with her positive school tour coming to other schools around Aruba. □



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Beauty Break at L'Art du Maquillage with Maruta Veeris



ROOI SANTO – Recently the employees of Caribbean Speed Printers and Bon Dia Aruba took a beauty break dedicated attending a make up workshop at L'Art du Maquillage with the wellknown beauty professional Maruta Veeris. During the workshop they



learned the basic techniques of make up for day and night. In a very professional way Veeris explained how important it is to care for you face to prevent premature aging and also against the sun. They also learned the tricks to cover signs of stress, tiredness, etc. and to always look the best way possible at work or at any event. At the end of the workshop the participants received certificates from L'Art du Maquillage. If you are interested in any workshop with Maruta Veeris you can contact her at maruta@setarnet.aw





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Christopher Owens & Gerald Rose honored at the Aruba Beach Club Resort



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Aruba Beach Club Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title.

The recent honorings were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Aruba Beach Resort that they call their home away from home. Christopher Owens & Gerald Rose were honored as a Distinguished Visitor after visiting Aruba for



10 years
Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with Christopher & Gerald and also Izaira from the Aruba Beach Club

After its third nomination since 2006

AAA N.V. runner-up, highly commended for its marketing approach towards airlines

The award was presented by the OAG (Official Airline Guide) in Beijing

ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) has received confirmation on the 14th of September, that after earlier receiving its third nomination by OAG, Official Airline Guide, it was awarded the price for Runner-up for the Global Airport Marketing Award 2009 in the category 'the America's'. The gala awards ceremony, where the awards were handed out, took place during the Annual World Route Development Forum in Beijing, China. Representatives of AAA that attended this Forum and accepted the award were Mrs. Peggy Croes, Head Airline Marketing and Mrs. Barbara Brown, Business Unit Manager Terminal. OAG awards airports in geographical categories,

irrespective of the amount of passengers that the airport receives per year. Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix didn't only earn the Runner-up status for the Global Airport Marketing Award, but was also Highly Commended. With that it ended second amongst all North, Central and South American airports.

This result is outstanding and important for AAA for two reasons: First of all, airlines themselves nominate the airports who made a real difference to their own network planning activity over the last 12 months. And secondly, AAA was awarded Highly Commended, being the only Central and South American airport that was nominated sharing the honors in this category competing

for the award with Akron-Canton Airport in Ohio, Halifax International Airport in Canada, Seattle-Tacoma and Dallas-Forth Worth International Airport in Texas which came out as number 1. It was the second time since 2007 that AAA received the Runner-up award in its category.

Peter Steinmetz, Managing Director AAA, expressed profound words of satisfaction with this major achievement: "This appreciation perfectly mirrors AAA's philosophy that airports and airlines work together as partners in developing traffic and the award reflects directly the positive improvements and changes at the company and solidifies Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix as



a leading airport in the world of aviation. The fact that we have been nominated 3 times now over the last 4 years and received the Runner-up award twice speaks for itself on the quality and perseverance of our

marketing staff and efforts. It is really outstanding for such a small airport." Steinmetz reiterated that "We ensure that our marketing objectives are met through the delivery of service benefiting Aruba as a whole".

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Alex Syracopoulos honored at the Bucuti Resort



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Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with Alex and also staff from the Bucuti Resort. □

Capsized cargo ship moved to Cooper Island



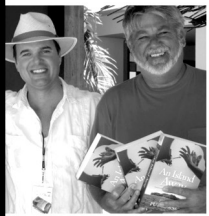
Three years after it capsized, 'The Island Seal' was removed from the Fish Bay area to Wreck Alley, Cooper Island – where it will now be scuba divers' dream to explore.

On Monday staff of the Husky Salvage and Towing Ltd. towed the vessel, which ran aground off Salt Island in 2006, to the tourist destination.

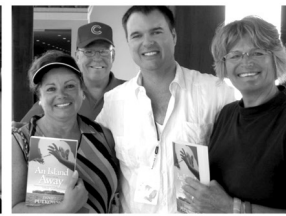
Kevin Rowlette, owner of the Salvage, told BVI News that after the cargo vessel's crew tried to move the vessel from Salt Island en route to Tortola, it capsized off Brandywine Bay shore.

"It was a marine hazard for the shipping and other boats so the vessel was moved more into the Fish Bay area" Rowlette said. Island Seal, was registered in Panama, but was owned and operated by a BVI-based company.

The vessel was transporting four 20-foot and two 40 foot containers filled with cargo from St Maarten to Port Purcell. Two of the containers on board the vessel remain lost at sea. □



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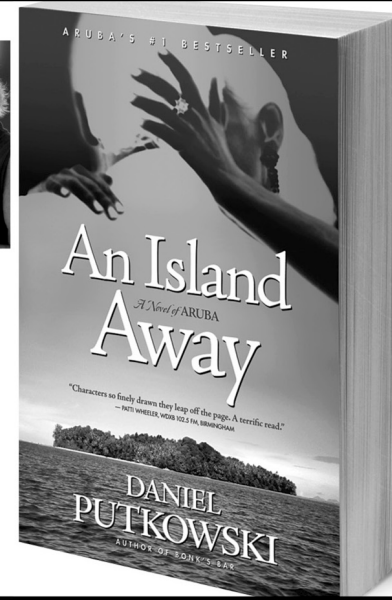
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ORANJESTAD – To open the Housekeeping Week, Casa del mar started the week with a Holy mass together with its employees and continue with a breakfast, where everybody enjoyed before continuing with their daily labor.

Recently Casa del Mar honored its employees who celebrated their anniversary in the month of August. A total of 4 employees celebrated during the month of August. They are Marie-Elise Tromp, Juan Donata and



Armando Lopez (25 years) and Enelia de Cuba (15 years). Casa del Mar congratulates employees for their service and thanked these outstanding throughout the years. □



In baseball success matters more than country



"Everyone on the Antilles was overjoyed when the Netherlands beat the Dominican Republic."

Photo AP

The Dutch national baseball team is a mix of players from Aruba, Curaçao and the Netherlands. Talented baseball players from the Caribbean islands often choose to play for the Netherlands.

By Koen Greven
Mariëxson Gregorius (19) and Kenley Jansen (21) are members of the Dutch national team, while their older brothers Johannes Gregorius Jr (26) and Ardley Jansen (26) play for

the Netherlands Antilles. "In the Dutch Antilles everybody roots for their own team," Kenley Jansen said prior to the match against Puerto Rico on Monday. "But if we advance to the final round of the World Cup and they don't, everyone on Aruba and Curaçao will be behind us. During the World Baseball Classic they were overjoyed when the Netherlands beat the Dominican Republic."

Only hours after Jansen made these remarks, the switch of support seems inevitable. While the Netherlands celebrated its victory over Puerto Rico (5-2), the Netherlands Antilles lost to the United States (11-1). The Netherlands is likely to progress to the quarter finals. The Antilles, meanwhile, are

close to elimination.

in a World Cup.

Former colonies

The greater chance of international success is a reason for many Aruban and Antillean baseball players to choose to play for the Netherlands. Although the islands off the coast of Venezuela are no longer Dutch colonies, they are still part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Many players long to follow in the footsteps of Hensley Meulens, the first US major league player from Curaçao, who made history when the Netherlands beat Cuba at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

In the past decade, the Netherlands has caught up with some of the greatest baseball nations, largely thanks to the influx of Antillean players. Unlike in the Netherlands, where football takes centre stage, on the Antilles baseball is by far the most popular sport. However, the country with a population of just 225,000 has to compete with the US, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Venezuela in its region, which makes qualifying for the final round of the World Cup or the Baseball Classics a tough task. This is the first time since 1988 that the country has competed

Financial support

With the World Cup tournament currently underway in Europe, most professional Aruban and Antillean players have opted to play for the Netherlands. The Netherlands can offer the kind of financial support that the Antilles cannot afford. Talented pitcher Mariëxson Gregorius says the fact that he was born in Amsterdam was part of the reason. "Plus the greater possibility to advance with the Netherlands. Playing the Baseball Classics is one of my dreams."

But there is some resistance to the influx of Antillean players in the Dutch national team. Sports TV host Mart Smeets played down the success in a column in daily Trouw. "Well done and bravo, but no more than that," writes Smeets, whose son Tjerk is a former international baseball player. "It's convenient that the Antilles are still attached to our kingdom, allowing men who have never set foot in the Netherlands to play for our national team."

But they won't be available for the next major tournament, because they will let their personal success in the US minor league prevail." □



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on the menu and they are already well known for the daily changing specials. If you have a large party, or if there is anything you feel like in particular, Fishes & More can always arrange to have your dinner cooked just for you, as they work only with fresh and honest products!

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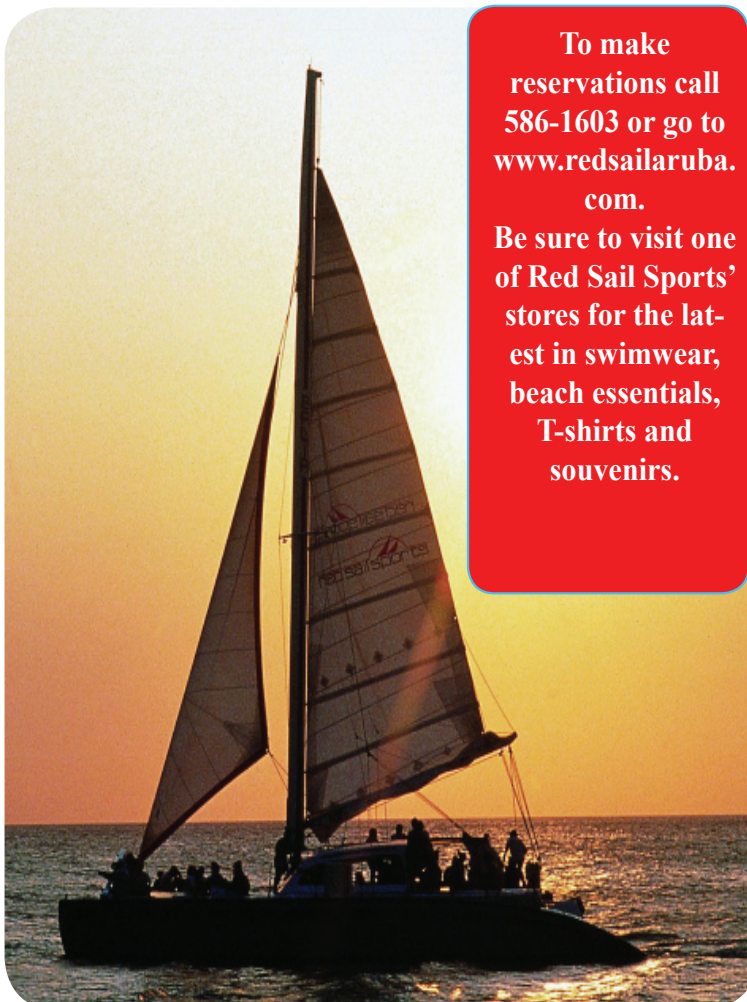
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Blair and Ryan Sonntag celebrate first Anniversary



EAGLE- On September 12, 2008 Blair and Ryan Sonntag were married in Cincinnati Ohio. Ryan, originally from outside of Chicago and Blair, originally from Cincinnati met while they were both living in Indianapolis. Shortly there after they moved to Cincinnati and were married.

Blair and Ryan enjoyed their romantic Honeymoon in Aruba last year and had a great time that they wanted to return for their first year anniversary.

Their wedding day was perfect but planning to get to Aruba was another situation. Hurricane Ike somehow found it's way all the way up to Cincinnati. "While preparing for our trip the hurricane whipped through knocking down trees and knocking out the power in the city. As a result the airport in Cincinnati was shut down. We ended up having to book a separate flight out of a completely different airport to make our connection and ultimately did make it to Aruba", stated Ryan.

These two lovebirds are happy they found paradise and are enjoying a romantic anniversary at Amsterdam Manor.

They were not so happy with their wedding pictures so they thought a photo shoot in Aruba would be perfect. Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies and Celebrations in Aruba recommended Angela Munzenhofer of Bella Aruba Photography to capture their special day on Eagle Beach next to Aruba's famous Fofoti tree.

The evening was picture perfect as they were swept off their feet with photojournalistic shots under the luminous sunset that filled the sky with orange hues. Blair and Ryan enjoyed a romantic dinner at Passions Restaurant that evening which made their anniversary memorable.

Congratulations from Lissy and Angela!!!

Photos by Angela Munzenhofer



All about the Lesser Antilles

Now that we're actually getting some storms, I see references in stories to the Lesser Antilles, the Windward Islands and the Leeward Islands. Aren't they one and the same? The Windward Islands, the Leeward Islands and the Netherlands Antilles are the small Caribbean islands that together are called the Lesser Antilles. The Leewards are the northernmost group of islands, a group that runs from the U.S. and British Virgin Islands on the north to Dominica on the south and includes St. Martin, St. Croix, St. Kitts, Barbuda, Antigua and Guadeloupe, among others. The Windwards are directly south of the Leewards and got the name because they were more windward

to ships sailing from the New World. Martinique is the northernmost island in this group, Trinidad the southernmost. In between are St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, the Grenadines, Grenada and Tobago. The Netherlands Antilles are west of the Windwards, just off the northern coast of South America. Isla de Margarita lies farthest to the east, Aruba farthest west. Bonaire and Curacao are also in this group of islands. A hurricane by any other name What's with calling storms in the Pacific hurricanes? I was taught in the Pacific they were typhoons and somewhere else cyclones. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),

hurricanes and typhoons are regional names for strong tropical cyclones. "A tropical cyclone is the generic term for a non-frontal synoptic scale low-pressure system over tropical or sub-tropical waters with organized convection (i.e. thunderstorm activity) and definite cyclonic surface wind circulation," according to the NOAA Web site. Once these storms contain sustained winds of 74 mph, they are labeled this way:

- Hurricanes, in the North Atlantic, the Northeast Pacific Ocean east of the international date line (which roughly follows 180 degrees longitude, west of the Hawaiian Islands and east of New Zealand) and the South Pacific Ocean east of 160 degrees (roughly east of the Hawaiian Islands).



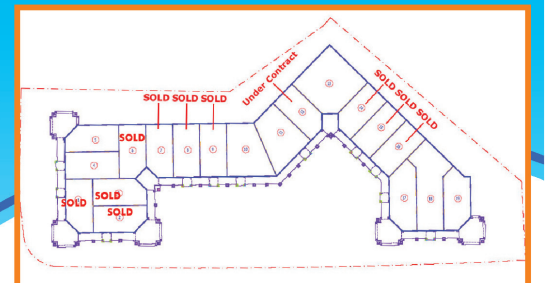
A hurricane that develops elsewhere in the world is called a typhoon or tropical cyclone.

- Typhoons, in the Northwest Pacific Ocean west of the international date line.
- Severe tropical cyclone in the Southwest Pacific Ocean west of 160 degrees (near the Philippines, eastern Indonesia and New Guinea) or the Southeast Indian Ocean east of 90 degrees (closer to western Australia and western Indonesia).
- Severe cyclonic storm in the north Indian Ocean (closer to India).
- Tropical cyclone in the southwest Indian Ocean or the Southeast Indian (closer to Africa).

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At Occidental Aruba Grand

Mark and Kristina tie the knot on 9-9-9



PALM BEACH- Mark Cohen and Kristina Carrino from New Jersey vowed eternal love to one another. Mark and Kristina met at work at Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station Security in the year 2004. On the day of November 25, 2007, Mark's birthday, Kristina met friends



from work at a local bar where Mark was celebrating his 36th

birthday. As soon as their eyes met they began getting to know one another and talked for hours. At one point Kristina grabbed his phone and put her number in it. Mark called the very next day and asked Kristina out to dinner. They were a match made in heaven and within a few months Mark moved in with Kristina's two daughters Brittany, 17 years and Kaytlynn, 16 years old. They have been happily together ever since." The wedding took place on September 9, 2009 at

Occidental Aruba Grand. The day was gloomy but nothing mattered to these two lovebirds because they vowed their love and exchanged rings amongst love ones. The wedding coordinator Ileana and assistant Sonja orchestrated a wonderful wedding for the newlyweds. The dinner reception took place on the premises of the resort with a romantic dinner and dancing under the stars with D.J. Tino. Congratulations from the staff at Occidental Grand!!!
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Footling the bill

As preparations continue for St. Maarten to take over tasks of the Antillean Government in light of the constitutional changes, the question who will foot the bill needs to be clearly answered. As reported on Tuesday, a Public Health Inspectorate for Country St. Maarten is being set up from now with one person already hired since June 15 and more to follow, for the inspectorate to be up and running from October this year.

Assuming that the deadline of the end of October 2010 for the new relations in the Dutch Kingdom to take effect can indeed be met, this most probably means that considerable additional expenses will have to be incurred in St. Maarten for at least a year, also in terms of office space, equipment and such, that probably have not been budgeted by the Netherlands Antilles or the Island Territory. The same thing goes for preparations regarding other areas of responsibility, including law enforcement.

In general, the "phased transfer" of tasks, as it is being described, needs to be accompanied by a financial framework. The fact that the Central Government reported a budget surplus to which – according to the Democratic Party – St. Maarten contributed in no small measure, could help create the necessary space, but the issue still needs to be addressed and laid down in clear-cut agreements so there is no confusion after the fact.

When the Netherlands Antilles ceases to exist as a constitutional state the tax revenues now going to the Central Government (turnover and gasoline excise taxes) obviously will stay in Country St. Maarten to finance the added responsibilities, but until that time the setting up of local branches of Antillean departments to take over their respective tasks when the time comes will have to be paid for somehow. The suggestion that this can be done in a budget-neutral manner does not appear very realistic, because the current departments in Willemstad will still be there.

No doubt there are ways to do it – for example, by reducing the expenditures in Willemstad while increasing those in St. Maarten or by having the island keep a greater amount of the revenues it now generates for the Central Government – while Dutch assistance can certainly play a role. The experience of Aruba getting its separate status on January 1, 1986, can be used as well.

A word of caution seems in order, however, to tackle this matter sooner rather than later, so that "The Friendly Island" does not end up holding the proverbial bag and is then subsequently criticised for overspending. □

*** Human Hints Daily ***

Ancient Indian Text Part 4 – Ego Part 1

Yesterday, we discussed how to use the teachings of the Ancient Indian Text, the Bhagavad Gita, in our daily lives. We concluded that we must overcome our own Ego in order to gain control over three dimensional limitation while in a Human Body.

Ego's job is to protect the three dimensional body. It is associated with the body's lower three energy centers of procreation, survival and gratification. Ego is necessary for a Human consciousness to express in three dimensions. It provides us with the survival instinct, but also stops us from expanding beyond three dimensional awareness.

Ego gives us the illusion that we are separate from everyone else, which makes it very easy for us to hurt other people. Because we think we're separate, we need to watch out for each other.

When we know we are all connected, we know that to hurt another is to hurt ourselves. That is why Ego is not necessary beyond a certain level of Human Evolution. This is exactly why Ego does not want us to evolve. The Ego is very much its own independent living entity and, like all living creatures, it will fight for its life until the very end.

Humans on Earth at this time are in a battle with their Egos, both individually and collectively. Ego is not needed beyond three dimensions, where the Human Being is going. Ego knows its survival is threatened, and will do everything in its power to stay alive. It will find infinite reasons for you to doubt yourself. It will make you believe that you are not good enough, or that you don't deserve to succeed.

This shows up in our lives as resistance to change, fear, self-doubt, making excuses, avoiding, and everything else that keeps us from our goals. I'm sure you can name many of your Ego's mechanisms for keeping you here in three dimensional limitation.

The first step in overcoming your Ego is to recognize it. When you feel threatened, ignored, angry, afraid, that is Ego. When you want to lash out, it is because your Ego wants to be heard.

Think of your Ego as a spoiled three-year-old toddler, who has always gotten what they want. Ego is easily hurt, fragile and insecure.

It thinks it is always right and gets angry when it is challenged. It wants to be recognized, acknowledged and praised, but experienced adults know that the more you enable children to act without boundaries, the more out of control they become. The more we succumb to our Ego's reactions, the more power it gains over us, and the more we hurt ourselves.

Tomorrow, we will conclude our discussion about Ego, and provide specific actions you can take in your daily life, to disempower your ego and gain control over your destiny.

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~Quentin Danziger

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Stocks jump as industrial production rises



Carlos Brito, center, Anheuser-Busch InBev CEO, rings the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in New York. Shares of Brussels-based Anheuser-Busch InBev NV began trading on the NYSE Wednesday under the ticker symbol, 'BUD.'

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

By TIM PARADIS,
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NEW YORK — Investors barreled into stocks Wednesday after an upbeat report on industrial production raised hopes that the economy is strengthening.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 108 points to another high for the year as General Electric Co. and International Business Machines Corp. jumped. It was the market's eighth gain in nine days.

The promising report from the Federal Reserve on industrial production came a day after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the recession was likely over. Investors have been scooping up stocks for six months in anticipation of a rebound in the economy.

The central bank's report that industrial activity surged 0.8 percent in August topped expectations. The Fed also said the improvement in production for July was twice what it had initially reported. The report and rising

commodity prices lifted shares of manufacturing companies like aluminum producer Alcoa Inc.

Other big gains came from financial stocks, which have been building momentum as they push above certain price levels watched by traders. GE, which has a large financial arm and often trades like a bank stock, jumped for a third day. American Express Co. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. rose more than 3 percent.

Money has been flowing into stocks as some professional investors rush to keep with the market's gains and fear being left behind.

"People are looking to play catch-up at this point," said Christian Bendixen, director of technical research at Bay Crest Partners LLC in New York. The Dow rose 108.30, or 1.1 percent, to 9,791.71, its highest close since Oct. 6, when it ended at 9,956. The index is now up 11.6 percent for the year.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 16.13, or 1.5

percent, to 1,068.76, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 30.51, or 1.5 percent, to 2,133.15.

The advance comes even as analysts warn that stocks are due for a break. The S&P 500 index, the benchmark for many mutual funds, has surged 58 percent since it tumbled to a 12-year low in early March. An extended ascent tends to spook investors, who see it as a sign of indiscriminate buying.

Peter Schwartz, principal at Gregory J. Schwartz & Co. in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., expects stocks will rise but not without interruptions. "We can't have this trajectory for perpetuity without speed bumps along the way," he said. Jason Pride, director of research at Haverford Investments in Radnor, Pa., would like to see more moderate gains but said the nature of markets is to overdo it. "The market can extend its speculation surrounding this economic rebound much longer than people expect," he said.

GE jumped \$1, or 6.3 percent, to \$17, adding to its gain for the week and erasing its loss for the year. The company plans to update analysts on its business Thursday. IBM, which carries more weight in the Dow because of its higher stock price, rose \$2.47, or 2.1 percent, to \$121.82, its best close of the year.

Alcoa rose 48 cents, or 3.4 percent, to \$14.47 after the report on industrial production. Health insurers rose after Sen. Max Baucus of Montana introduced a Finance Committee version of a bill to revamp the nation's health care system. It would require most people to purchase insurance coverage and prevent insurance companies from charging more to people with more serious health problems. □

Manufacturers leading early stages of recovery

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
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AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON — Signaling that manufacturers are leading the economy into a recovery, output from the nation's factories, mines and utilities posted widespread gains in August.

In a further dose of good news, inflation remained essentially nonexistent as prices scarcely rose last month.

The August gains in industrial production marked the second straight increase after the global recession dried up the appetites of customers worldwide. Output rose 0.8 percent, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday, beating analysts' estimates.

In part, the improvement reflected auto sales that were boosted by the government's now-ended Cash for Clunkers program. But analysts were impressed that output rose broadly across industries.

"Vehicles are not the whole story," Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight, said in a note to clients.

Gault noted that production rose in five out of 10 categories of durable goods, including machinery and electrical equipment.

The pace of growth is expected to slow later this year. That's partly because the stimulative effect of the clunkers program, which issued rebates for people who traded in older gas-guzzlers for new, fuel-efficient models, will fade.

But industrial stockpiles are so low that production should keep rising even as consumer spending remains weak, economists said. Companies had cut their stockpiles by a record \$159.2 billion in the second quarter. Low



A customer washes his windshield at a gas station in Springfield, Ill. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009. Retail sales jumped in August by the largest amount in more than three years, spurred by widespread gains beyond the expected increases of auto sales from the government's Cash for Clunkers program. Gas station sales rose 5.1 percent, as prices at the pump rose.

(AP Photo/Seth Perlman)

inventories tend to signal higher output ahead, because companies eventually must produce more to refill their depleted stockpiles.

Manufacturers "are in a catch-up mode right now," Gault said. "They're adjusting for the fact that the level of demand didn't meet their worst fears."

Factory output, the single-biggest slice of overall industrial activity, also rose for the second straight month. Auto production led the way, rising 5.5 percent in August. That followed a whopping 20.1 percent gain in July, when General Motors and Chrysler reopened many plants that had been closed as the companies restructured and emerged from bankruptcy.

Yet even with autos and parts stripped out, manufacturing activity gained 0.4 percent last month. Production of steel, aluminum and other metals rose 0.9, while electrical equipment and appliances output also increased. □

Gene therapy reverses colour blindness in monkeys

PARIS (AFP) – Two monkeys were cured of colour blindness thanks to gene therapy that one day may open the way to treating eye disorders in humans, scientists said on Wednesday.

The ground-breaking technique used a cold virus as a “Trojan horse” to infect cone-shaped cells in the retina, stealthily delivering a gene that provides a pigment which is sensitive to red.

About 20 weeks after the treatment, the two primates began to acquire full colour vision, according to the paper, published by the British journal Nature.

“(…) We knew right away when it began to work,” said Jay Neitz, a professor of ophthalmology at the University of Washington who led the work.

“It was as if they woke up and saw these new colours. The treated animals unquestionably responded to colours that had been invisible to them.”

Colour blindness is the inability to distinguish between different hues, particularly between red and green. Instead, these colours show up in shades of grey, causing problems for everyday tasks

such as recognising traffic lights.

Red-green colour blindness is the commonest disease in humans that can be pinned to just a single mutation in the genetic code. It affects between five and eight percent of males and around one percent of women, according to various figures.

The experiment was carried out on two adult squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri sciureus*). One was called Dalton – named after the 18th-century British scientist, John Dalton, who discovered colour blindness – and the other Sam. Both had been colour-blind since birth.

For more than a year, the monkeys were given an adapted form of a standard vision-testing technique to find out exactly which out of 16 hues they failed to see.

When the monkeys traced a colour pattern on a computer touch screen, they were given a reward of grape juice.

The researchers then inserted a human gene called L-opsin into a disabled cold virus and delivered it to the monkeys’ retina through several injections.

The gene colonised cone cells, the most important vision

receptors in mammals, adding the missing light-sensitive pigment.

Colour vision in Sam and Dalton has remained stable more than two years after treatment, the paper says.

It is the first time that a vision disorder has been corrected in primates in which all photo-receptors are intact and healthy.

It thus gives the lie to the belief that congenital vision defects become “hard-wired” through neural connections soon after birth and cannot be corrected.

“Although colour blindness is only moderately life-altering, we’ve shown we can cure a cone disease in a primate, and that it can be done safely,” said co-researcher William Hauswirth, a professor of ophthalmic molecular genetics at the University of Florida.

“That’s extremely encouraging for the development of therapies for human cone diseases that really are blinding,” he said in a press release.

Targeting cone cells could potentially cure common types of blindness such as age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy.

Gene medicine is one of



A photo provided by the Neitz Laboratory, shows a young male Amazon squirrel monkey in the Brazilian Amazon. Two monkeys were cured of colour blindness thanks to gene therapy that one day may open the way to treating eye disorders in humans, scientists said on Wednesday.

(AFP/Neitz Laboratory-HO/Ho)

the most alluring areas of biotechnology, as it holds out the promise of blocking or reversing inherited disease. But this new frontier has also

been blighted by occasional setbacks, such as an unexpected and uncontrollable response from the immune system. □

Oil firm to compensate Ivory Coast poison victims

LONDON (AFP) – An oil trading company is to pay compensation to thousands of victims in Ivory Coast who were poisoned by toxic waste dumped in the country in 2006, representatives of the two sides said Wednesday.

Victims took legal action in Britain against Trafigura after waste from a ship the company chartered was illegally dumped in Abidjan, killing 17 people and causing more than 100,000 to seek medical help.

“A global settlement is being considered by the parties and it currently appears that this settlement is likely to be acceptable to most, if not all, of the claimants,” the claimants’ lawyers and Trafigura said in a joint statement. The Dutch multinational company, which has a base in London, reiterated that it was not responsible for deaths or serious injuries from the dumping, and has not admitted liability.

The company will pay thousands of people who suffered short-term illnesses including vomiting, diarrhoea and breathing difficulties. The compensation will run to millions of pounds (dollars), reports said.

The High Court case was one of Britain’s

largest ever group lawsuits, the reports said.

“Over the last few weeks we have been exploring with Trafigura the possibility of resolving the 30,000 claims,” the solicitor leading the class action, Martyn Day, told The Independent newspaper.

“We have reached a point where we are now in the process of putting a global deal to the claimants.

I am optimistic as to the outcome of that process. The claimants are very pleased and are keen to see the issue resolved.”

More than 500 cubic metres of waste “slops” from a Panamanian-registered cargo ship were dumped at public sites across Abidjan in August 2006.

Two men were jailed in the Ivory Coast last year over the illegal dumping, by a sub-contractor, of the waste from the Probo Koala, the cargo ship chartered by Trafigura.

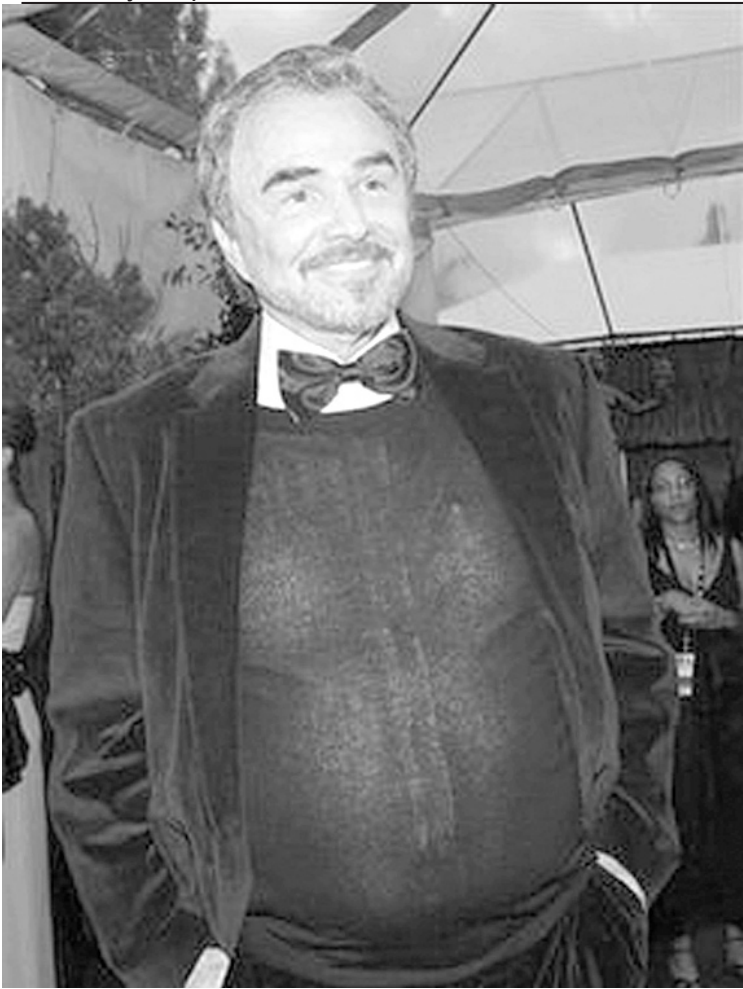
Trafigura reached a 152 million euro (215 million dollar) settlement with the Ivorian government in February last year and was given indemnity against prosecution. □



A warning for a toxic zone where hundreds of tonnes of toxic waste were dumped near Abidjan. An oil trading company is to pay compensation to thousands of victims in Ivory Coast who were poisoned by toxic waste dumped in the country in 2006, representatives of the two sides said Wednesday.

(AFP/File/Issouf Sanogo)





FILE - In this Jan. 27, 2008 file photo, actor Burt Reynolds at the 14th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Kevork Djansezian, file)

Manager: Burt Reynolds treated for drug abuse

By DAMIAN GRASS,
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MIAMI – Actor Burt Reynolds has been released from a drug rehabilitation center where he was being treated for an addiction to painkillers, his manager said Wednesday.

The star of “Smokey and the Bandit,” “Deliverance” and “Boogie Nights” began struggling after recent back surgery and “realized that he was in the prison of prescription pain pills,” his manager Erik Kritzer said in a statement.

Kritzer said in a later e-mail message he did not know when Reynolds entered or left the Hanley Center in West Palm Beach. The facility’s management declined comment, citing patient confidentiality.

Kritzer said Reynolds, 73, hopes his story will help others in similar situations and that they won’t try to solve the problem by themselves. The actor lives in Hobe Sound, a wealthy beachside community north of Palm Beach County.

In the 1980s, Reynold’s career was nearly destroyed when an injury and prescription drug abuse led to false rumors that he was infected with the AIDS virus. He hurt his jaw making the 1984 comedy “City Heat” with Clint Eastwood. Barely able to eat, he lost 50 pounds and looked ill and emaciated.

“For two years I couldn’t get a job,” Reynolds told the AP in 1990. “I had to take five physicals to get a job. I had to take the pictures that were offered to me. I did action pictures because I was trying to prove that I was well.”

He was diagnosed with temporomandibular joint disorder, which affects the area that connects the jaw to the skull and can result in significant pain. Reynolds then confessed to a reliance on the sleeping aid Halcion.

He eventually regained his health and his career, first in the TV series “Evening Shade” and then as the porn movie impresario Jack Horner in the 1997 hit movie “Boogie Nights.” He was nominated for an Oscar and won a Golden Globe for best supporting actor. □

Beyonce sued by Abercrombie & Fitch over fragrance

By Alexandria Sage
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SAN FRANCISCO and NEW YORK (Reuters) – A battle between the pop star and the fashion brand just turned fierce.

Abercrombie & Fitch Co, the apparel retailer known for sexy advertising and casual looks, has sued the singer Beyonce Knowles, claiming her plan for a new fragrance to be launched in early 2010 infringes on its existing trademark.

In a federal lawsuit filed on Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio, Abercrombie claims a fragrance under the singer’s “Sasha Fierce” label “poses a likelihood of confusion” with the retailer’s own “Fierce” brand.

It said such confusion could deprive it of control over a trademark it has used since 2002, and perhaps cost it sales. The lawsuit seeks to halt potential trademark infringement, unfair competition and deceptive trade practices.

Representatives of Knowles did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Best known for clothing sold to teens and college-age adults, New Albany, Ohio-based Abercrombie said it has sold more than \$190 million worth of fragrance under the Fierce name, and expects \$64 million of sales in 2009.

Abercrombie sells Fierce at more than 350 retail stores and on its website, typically for \$40 to \$70 in bottles featuring a young man’s muscular, nude torso. The fragrance is sprayed throughout stores via a scent machine or by store employees.

“A&F’s intent is that all garments that leave the store have the FIERCE scent attached to them,” the complaint said.

The company markets Fierce as a men’s cologne whose “fresh citrus aroma” and “warm musky subtleness” will “naturally draw her curiosity because of its seductive nature.” □



FWD111 Model walks the runway at the Oscar de la Renta show during Spring 2010 Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009.

(Fashion Wire Daily/Gruber)

Oscar de la Renta Saves Uptown

Godfrey Deeny

New York – Leave it to Oscar de la Renta to save uptown fashion, in a challenging season for establishment chic. His spring 2010 collection presented Wednesday, Sept. 16, in New York, was an impressive, options-packed tour de force, and a welcome reminder that classy dressing can also be innovative fashion.

De la Renta generously listed his six design assistants in his program notes, a rare piece of noblesse oblige in fashion. One understands why, after a series of superbly draped day dresses sauntered down the catwalk in the Park Avenue church in which the show was staged.

Silk gazar dresses in hues of teal or bark were also supremely well cut. Wrapped ever so slightly around the torso and gathered to give just the right sense of volume, they were mini master classes in the art of how to hang fabric.

“There’s never been a better time to be a woman. There are so many possibilities for them, so fashion has to reflect that. Collections need to be multi faceted. Women cannot keep running home to change, so they need clothes that work for both work and play, like a great little dress worn with a white shirt at the office, that then looks fabulous for a cocktail at 7 p.m.,” explained the ever dapper de la Renta to FWD.

His sense of the right accessory, whether some splendid cloche felt hats or snazzy suede belts with piping was also spot on. The show did sag a little midway through with one or two white lace passages that were far too insipid, but bounced back gloriously at the finale. The designer’s best moments were very much for evening, with a remarkable look on the Russian model Vlada Roslykaya, a blush colored chiffon column with scattered silver embroidery. This was followed by a series of gold embroidered tulle dresses or black lace Velasquez images that were ideal red carpet looks.

De la Renta finished with great flourish, a magnificent grand dame tulle indigo crinoline with luscious crystal bodice worn by model Arlenis Sosa, who, like the designer, hails from the Dominican Republic. □

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slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, homemade soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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Baucus unveils health plan overhaul with GOP support

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A key Democrat released the much-awaited Senate version of an American health care system remake Wednesday—a landmark \$856 billion, 10-year measure that starts a rough ride through Congress without visible Republican backing for President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

The bill by Sen. Max Baucus, chairman of the Finance Committee, would make major changes to the 2.5 trillion U.S. health care system, including requiring all individuals to purchase health care or pay a fine, and language prohibiting insurance company practices like charging more to people with more serious health problems.

Baucus' proposal has drawn no visible backing from



Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., speaks with the press following a meeting on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, in Washington.

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opposition Republicans. But Baucus said he is holding out hope that some will support the plan when his committee votes on the bill, probably as early as next week.

Baucus' proposal has been

eagerly anticipated because, of several bills being considered in Congress, it is seen as the only one that could get support from Republicans as well as Democrats.

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Karzai leading Afghan vote

with 54.6 percent

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KABUL (AP) — Afghan officials issued full preliminary results Wednesday showing President Hamid Karzai got 54.6 percent of the vote in last month's election, a result that could be annulled by mounting fraud allegations.

European Union election monitors say fraud is indicated in more than a quarter of the 5.6 million votes counted.

The Aug. 20 vote has been so tainted by reports of ballot-box stuffing and questionable tallies that many expect the final results to vary widely from the preliminary count after fraudulent ballots are thrown out.

If enough votes are thrown out for Karzai to drop below

50 percent, it will force him into a two-man runoff with top challenger Abdullah Abdullah, a former foreign minister who has 27.7 percent of the vote. The preliminary count gave Karzai 3.1 million votes to Abdullah's 1.6 million.

Recounts and investigations are likely to take weeks, pushing the date for any runoff well past the original plan for the first week of October. Snow starts blocking villages and roads in the mountainous country in November, so a long delay could make a second round logistically unfeasible until the spring.

The wait for a runoff could leave Afghanistan with a power vacuum at a time when Taliban attacks are increasing, and undermine support abroad

for a war backing an apparently corrupt administration. Certified results originally were to have been released this week, with any runoff occurring two weeks later.

A spokesman said Abdullah would not comment on the release of the full results but would speak with reporters Thursday. Waheed Omar, a spokesman for Karzai's campaign, said the president is "clearly leading in the elections and we have bypassed the 50 percent benchmark that is required for someone to win the first round. We hope that when the certified results are announced, we will win the election in the first round."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly stressed that the results



Najibullah Zazi is seen leaving his home in Aurora, Colo. early Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. FBI agents and sheriff's deputies entered the home of Najibullah Zazi, who law enforcement as having a possible al-Qaida link, on Wednesday. Zazi denies he's a central figure in a terrorism investigation that fed fears of a possible bomb plot and led to several police raids Monday in New York City.

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FBI searches home of Co. man in terror probe

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Associated Press Writer

AURORA, Colorado (AP) — Federal agents on Wednesday searched the home of a suburban Denver man identified by law enforcement as having a possible link to al-Qaida, carting away several boxes of evidence.

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FILE - In this Aug. 20, 2009 file photo, Afghan incumbent President Hamid Karzai holds up his finger, inked purple after casting his election ballot, as he meets with the press in Kabul. Afghanistan's election commission released preliminary vote totals Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 showing President Hamid Karzai with 54.6 percent of the vote in the first full results to be released since the country's Aug. 20 election.

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were just preliminary. "They're not final, and we're still waiting for the certified results," he said. "The certified results will only come after the independent electoral

commission and the electoral complaints commission has carried out their investigations thoroughly, and done all the required audits and recounts."

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Embattled ACORN orders independent investigation



White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs briefs reporters at the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009.

Associated Press

By SHARON THEIMER
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WASHINGTON — The community organizing group ACORN said Wednesday it is ordering an independent investigation after its employees were caught on camera appearing to advise a couple posing as a prostitute and pimp to lie about the woman's profession to get housing help.

The group, which came under fire from conservatives for alleged voter fraud in 2008, said it is refusing new admissions into its service programs.

The group, which advocates for poor people, conducted a massive voter registration effort last year and became a target of conservatives when some employees were accused of submitting false registration

forms with names such as "Mickey Mouse." ACORN has said only a handful of employees submitted false registration forms and did so in a bid to boost their pay.

ACORN will work with its advisory council, which includes prominent supporters of President Barack Obama, such as John Podesta, president of the nonprofit Center for American Progress, and Andrew Stern, president of the Service Employees International Union, to name an independent auditor and investigator, ACORN chief executive Bertha Lewis said in a written statement.

The investigation will examine all the systems and processes called into question by the video, Lewis said.

In addition, ACORN won't accept new admissions into its community service programs, effective immediately, and within the next few days will conduct staff training, she said.

Lewis said the steps were being taken in response to "the indefensible action of a handful of our employees."

The moves are among several developments in recent days involving ACORN, a liberal-leaning group that is a popular target for Republicans. In addition to the hidden-camera video, it is under scrutiny for several voter-registration fraud cases.

Some Republicans are urging the Justice Department to investigate ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now. The Senate voted Monday to block the Housing and Urban Development Department from giving grants to ACORN, and the Census Bureau last week severed its ties with the group for the 2010 national head-count.

Asked Wednesday about the controversy, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said that "obviously the conduct that you see on those tapes is

completely unacceptable." "I think everyone would agree with that. The administration takes accountability extremely seriously," Gibbs said. "I think the Census Bureau evaluated and determined that this group could not meet the bureau's goal of achieving a fair and accurate count in 2010." Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., said he's asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to repeal a nearly \$1 million grant it awarded to ACORN earlier this month. FEMA awarded \$997,402 to ACORN in New Orleans on Sept. 4 as part of its Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program. The group plans to use the money to assess fire safety in the homes of low and moderate-income families and hand out smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and other fire prevention gear, ACORN's Brennan Griffin said. FEMA had no immediate comment on Bilirakis' request.



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Medical examiner says Yale student was suffocated

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NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — A Yale graduate student found stuffed in the wall of a research center had been suffocated, the medical examiner reported Wednesday as police awaited DNA tests on evidence taken from a lab technician who worked in the building.

Police call Raymond Clark III a “person of interest” in the slaying of Annie Le. Authorities hoped to compare DNA taken from Clark’s hair, fingernails and saliva with more than 250 pieces of evidence collected at the crime scene on the Ivy League campus and from Clark’s apartment in nearby Middletown.

“It’s all up to the lab now,” Police Chief James Lewis said at a news conference. “The basis of the investigation now is really on the physical evidence.”

Police served two search warrants — for DNA from Clark and for items in his apartment — late Tuesday. They served two more Wednesday morning, for more items from the apartment and for Clark’s Ford Mustang, Lewis said.

Investigators said they expect to determine within days whether Clark should be charged in the killing. He was escorted in handcuffs from his apartment and released early Wednesday into the custody of his attorney, police said. Lewis said Clark and several other people are under constant police surveillance. He said police expect to seek an arrest warrant for anyone whose DNA matches evidence at the crime scene.

Clark is not talking to police, Lewis said.

“At some point he may be willing to answer questions,

but at this point he has invoked his rights,” Lewis said. “He has an attorney. We couldn’t question him if we wanted to.”

Clark’s attorney, David Dworski, said his client is “committed to proceeding appropriately with the authorities.” He would not elaborate.

A police lab is expediting tests on Clark’s DNA. University of Connecticut genetics professor Linda Straus Baugh says testing can be done in days if a case gets top priority.

Clark’s job as an animal-services technician at Yale put him in contact with Le, who worked for a Yale laboratory that conducted experiments on mice. She was part of a research team headed by her faculty adviser, Anton Bennett, that focused on enzyme research that could have implications in cancer, diabetes and muscular dystrophy. Members of the team have declined to comment on the case or their work.

Clark, his fiancée, his sister and his brother-in-law all work for Yale as animal lab technicians.

Le’s body was found Sunday

stuffed behind the wall of the basement where lab animals are kept. The Connecticut state medical examiner said Wednesday that Le died of “traumatic asphyxiation.”

Authorities released no details on how she died, but traumatic asphyxiation could be consistent with a choke hold or some other form of pressure-induced asphyxiation caused by a hand or an object, such as a pipe.

Clark and Le were both 24 years old, but Clark has a muscular build that contrasts sharply to Le’s 90-pound (40-kilogram) frame. Clark also reportedly had a troubling brush with the law in high school after being accused of harassing a girlfriend.

In September 2003, when he was in his last year in high school, Clark reportedly upset a girlfriend so much that police warned him to stay away from her. The New Haven Independent reported that when the girl tried to break up with Clark, he attempted to confront her and wrote on her locker.

The girlfriend and her mother told a detective that she had been in a sexual relationship



Raymond Clark III, 24, is driven away from an apartment building by police on Tuesday Sept. 15, 2009 in Middletown, Conn. Police released the Yale University animal research technician early Wednesday after collecting DNA samples and questioning him in the killing of graduate student Annie Le who worked in the same lab.

with Clark and that he once forced her to have sex. The relationship continued after that incident, according to the Independent, a news Web site.

The young woman did not pursue the case, and no charges were filed. The Independent reported that Clark was warned in 2003 that police could pursue criminal charges against him if he contacted the girl.

Branford Police Lt. Geoffrey Morgan told The Associated Press on Wednesday that his department would not release the unsubstantiated 2003

report. Morgan would neither confirm nor deny the news report, citing cooperation with police investigating the killing.

On her MySpace page, Clark’s fiancée, Jennifer Hromadka, calls Clark was a “wonderful boyfriend.” She added that she’s not perfect, but cautioned people not to judge her.

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Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D- Mont. leaves his health care news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Sept. 16, 2009.

BAUCUS has said he wants to reach a compromise with Republicans Obama had campaigned on a pledge of bipartisanship and Liberal Democrats, though,

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doubt Republicans can be persuaded to support any agreement and want Obama to use his party's strong majorities in both chambers to push through legislation. But it is not clear that he has the votes to do so. Democrats are now one vote shy of the 60 votes they need to block Republican efforts to derail the bill in the Senate. Also, with congressional elections approaching next year, some Democrats from conservative states are wary about supporting an overhaul that voters may see as too liberal. That means Baucus' plan may offer Obama his best hope for getting health care legislation passed. The final version of the bill — if one gets passed

— could be shaped more by Baucus' plan than by the proposals of any other lawmaker. "This is a unique moment in history where we can finally reach an objective so many of us have sought for so long," Baucus said. "The Finance Committee has carefully worked through the details of health care reform to ensure this package works for patients, for health care providers and for our economy." Consumers would be able to shop for and compare insurance plans in a new purchasing exchange and caps would be placed on patients' yearly health care costs. The plan would be paid for with \$507 billion in cuts to government health programs and \$349 billion in new taxes and fees.

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us closer to comprehensive health care reform." The bill represents the most moderate health care proposal in Congress so far, compared to legislation approved by three committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate's health panel. Obama's top domestic priority is to revamp the health care system to provide coverage to nearly 50 million Americans who lack it and rein in rising costs. The United States is the only major industrialized country without a comprehensive health care plan to cover costly medical bills. Most Americans have private insurance provided by their employers and some buy their own policies. The government covers the elderly, disabled, indigent and some veterans. Consumers would be able to shop for and compare insurance plans in a new purchasing exchange and caps would be placed on patients' yearly health care costs. The plan would be paid for with \$507 billion in cuts to government health programs and \$349 billion in new taxes and fees, including a tax on high-end insurance plans and fees on insurance companies and medical device manufacturers.

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The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force went through the home of Najibullah Zazi, as well as the nearby residence of his aunt, Rabia Zazi, FBI special agent Kathleen Wright said Wednesday. She wouldn't comment on whether Najibullah Zazi or the aunt were detained.

Zazi, who was born in Pakistan, denies that he's a central figure in a terrorism investigation that fed fears of a possible bomb plot and led to several police raids in New York City on Monday. His attorney, Arthur Folsom, was not at his Denver office and couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Denver said it had no immediate comment.

Agents left Zazi's apartment with at least six boxes. One was labeled "swabs," and others were marked "fragile" and "glass."

Agents also escorted three women and a man from the apartment. An AP reporter confirmed the man was not Najibullah Zazi. Two of the women covered their faces with headscarves, and the third used a canvas chair to shield her face. All were driven away in an SUV.

One agent wearing protective clothing escorted a dog belonging to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives into Zazi's apartment. Other agents wearing FBI jackets stood outside along with Arapahoe County sheriff's deputies. The

parking lot was enclosed by yellow police tape. During the raid, a school bus dropped off about 30 children, who walked past the police tape on their way home. Other residents of the complex watched from balconies and stairways. The searches came a day after two law enforcement officials told The Associated Press that a joint FBI-New York Police Department task force had put Zazi under surveillance because of suspected links to al-Qaida. The task force also feared Zazi may be involved in a potential plot involving homemade hydrogen peroxide-based explosives like those cited in an intelligence warning issued Monday, said the officials, who spoke on anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the investigation.

After Zazi traveled to New York City over the weekend, FBI agents and police officers armed with search warrants seeking bomb materials searched three apartments and questioned residents in a predominantly Asian neighborhood in Queens.

Naiz Khan, an Afghan immigrant who grew up with Zazi in New York City, said the FBI questioned him for about two hours about Zazi, whom he said stayed at his apartment last week.

No arrests were announced, and the FBI and NYPD have refused to discuss the case.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly and FBI Director Robert Mueller said Wednesday there are no specific terrorist

threats to the city. "There are no guarantees. We live in a dangerous world," said Kelly, who called New York the world's best-protected city. "But we are doing more than anyplace else, and we're going to continue to do that." Monday's FBI and Homeland Security intelligence warning, issued to police departments nationwide, listed clues that could tip off police to peroxide-based bombs, such as people with burn marks on their hands, faces or arms; foul odors coming from a room or building; and large industrial fans or multiple window fans. Colorado elected officials who said they've been briefed on the investigation have said there is no imminent threat.

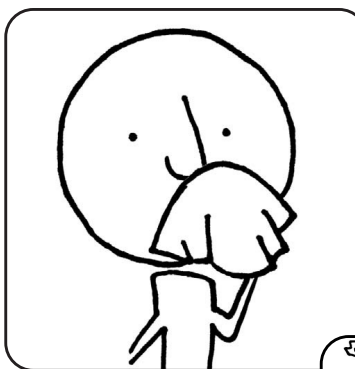


Federal agents get ready to search the apartment of Najibullah Zazi in Aurora, Colo., on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. Zazi has denied he's a central figure in a terrorism investigation that fed fears of a possible bomb plot and led to several police raids in New York City on Monday.

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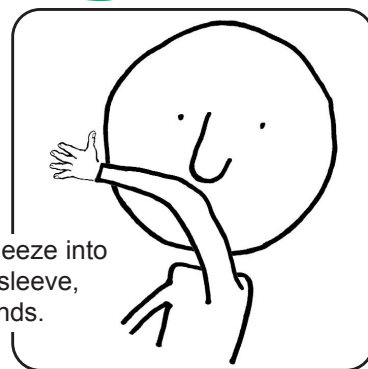
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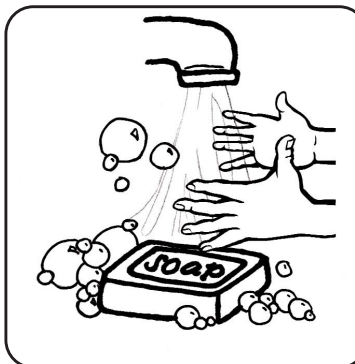


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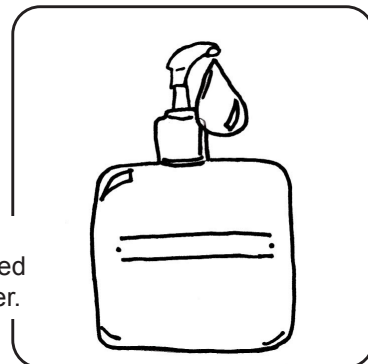
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Afghan Election Commission Secretariat Dawod Ali Najafi announces the final result during a press conference, in Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, Sept.16, 2009. Afghanistan's election commission released preliminary vote totals Wednesday showing President Hamid Karzai with 54.6 percent of the vote in the first full results to be released since the country's Aug. 20 election.

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“We welcome this next step in the process, but caution patience to everybody to await the final certified results,” he said.

A U.N.-backed complaints commission is examining thousands of potentially

fraudulent ballots. The commission, which is the final arbiter of the vote results, has ordered a massive audit and recount of about 10 percent of voting stations. The group has already invalidated ballots from 83 polling stations because of fraud allegations, all in areas with high support for Karzai.

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EU observers said about 1.5 million of the 5.6 million ballots counted should have been held out because they have indications of fraud according to guidelines set out by election officials ahead of the vote — turnout at or above 100 percent, or more than 90 percent of votes cast for one candidate.

“All of these votes should have been quarantined and investigated,” said Dimitra Ioannou, the group’s deputy chief observer.

About 1.1 million of those votes were cast for Karzai. If all of them are taken out of the count, he would fall below the 50 percent mark.

Outside monitors have accused the Afghan election commission, which is run by Karzai appointees, of loosening its own fraud-identification measures part way through the counting.

The deputy head of the U.N. mission here said the Independent Election Commission had voted 6-1 for a formula to root out corrupt ballots, only to reverse itself the next day, claiming it had no legal way to enforce those standards. The official, Peter Galbraith, left Afghanistan this weekend after a dispute with his boss, Kai Eide, over the U.N.’s approach to the fraud allegations.

Daoud Ali Najafi, the chief electoral officer for the Afghan election commission, said results from more than 600 polling stations were not included in Wednesday’s release because of suspicious vote tallies. He said the EU observers were stepping beyond their authority as monitors by questioning the official calculations. Election day itself was marred by Taliban threats and attacks that killed dozens and shut polling stations. Najafi said turnout was about 38.7 percent, a much lower figure than the 70 percent turnout in Afghanistan’s first direct presidential election in 2004.

Thousands of fake ballots were submitted across the country, and returns showed Karzai winning 100 percent of the vote in some districts. The most serious complaints were lodged in southern Afghanistan, where Karzai’s fellow ethnic Pashtuns predominate, although Grant Kippen, the Canadian head of the Electoral Complaints Commission, said all provinces were affected by the recount order.

Kippen has said the recounts it has ordered because of fraud will affect more than 2,500 of the 26,300 polling stations open on Aug. 20

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Barroso wins second European Commission term

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STRASBOURG, France (AP) — The European Parliament gave Jose Manuel Barroso another five-year term as European Commission president Wednesday, but its vote reflected lingering misgivings about the conservative ex-Portuguese premier.

In his second mandate as the powerful executive who drafts EU-wide legislation and ensures governments obey it, Barroso promised to respond to the global economic crisis by pushing for changes in the financial sector and its “unethical bonuses” and helping to steer Europe out of its recession.

“The first concern of the European citizens is unemployment and the economic crisis,” he told reporters after the 736-member European Union assembly voted 382 to 219, with 117 abstentions, to reappoint him European Commission president.

Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, whose country holds the EU

presidency, said Barroso’s reappointment “gives us the stability needed for fully focusing on important challenges such as the economic crisis and climate change.”

The leaders of the 27 EU nations nominated Barroso, 53, for a second term in June after European Parliament elections saw gains for conservative forces in some of Europe’s largest economies — an outcome seen as a vindication of company bailouts and fiscal stimulus packages to combat the recession.

Their choice was not warmly endorsed by the EU assembly where many see him as being in the pocket of EU governments.

Ahead of the vote, the head of its 184 socialists, Martin Schulz, said his group would not back Barroso, citing his weak leadership in protecting EU jobs amid the world’s worst economic crisis in decades.

The ballot was secret, but comments by political leaders suggested Barroso won the backing of an alliance of Christian Democrats, Liberals and

EU-critical Conservatives. The Conservatives include two dozen British Tories who normally disdain the sort of European economic and political integration that Barroso supports.

“Whilst not perfect, (Barroso) remains the best man for the job,” said Conservative leader Timothy Kirkhope.

In all, 336 of the 736 European Parliament members — almost 46 percent of the assembly — voted against Barroso or abstained.

The vote paved the way for Barroso to pick his new 26-member team of commissioners in the weeks ahead.

They will take office in January.

He said his reappointment will strengthen his hand next week at two important international meetings: a special U.N. discussion in New York about climate change, and the Group of 20 economic summit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Under EU rules, the bloc’s leaders pick a new president for the European Commission, but the



European Commission President, Jose Manuel Barroso addresses reporters during a news conference after his reelection at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. The European Parliament gave Barroso another five-year term as European Commission president Wednesday, but its vote reflected lingering misgivings about the conservative ex-Portuguese premier in the EU assembly.

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European Parliament must endorse their choice. Long a toothless talk shop, the assembly has over the years seen its legislative powers increase greatly.

Ahead of the vote, Barroso promised to preserve Europe’s social democratic values, protect jobs, help reform the financial sector and consult the European Parliament more on EU issues.

He also said he would fight “ugly nationalism” and appoint commissioners

for immigration, climate change, justice and human rights — issues seen close to the hearts of Europeans. Poul Rasmusen, head of the European Socialists, said now that the EU assembly’s “conservative majority” has re-elected Barroso, his party wants to supply a successor to EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who will step down soon. Solana has played an important role in issues such as the international concern over Iran’s nuclear program. □

EU farmers in white heat over low milk prices

RAF CASERT

Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgian farmers sprayed 790,000 gallons of fresh milk right back onto their fields Wednesday, furious over low milk prices they say are bankrupting farmers.

Milk farmers' cooperatives said world prices had sunk so low they are having to sell milk at half their production costs, leaving more and more farmers unable to pay their bills.

To highlight their desperation, about 300 tractors dragged milk containers through ploughed fields in southern Belgium, dumping a day's worth of milk production in that region.

"It is a scandal to dump this, but we have to realize what the situation is," said Belgian farm leader Erwin Schoepges. "We need a farm revolt."

The crisis has driven many EU farmers into a "milk

strike," with thousands refusing to deliver milk to the industrial dairy conglomerates that produce anything from skimmed milk to processed cheese.

Romuald Schaber, the president of the European Milk Board farmers' group, said up to half the milk farmers in some areas were refusing to deliver their milk and predicted the first shortages could hit some supermarkets as early as next week.

"We are looking at a real catastrophe. Nobody can produce milk at these prices," he said.

To raise milk prices from the current 18 to 24 euro cents (\$.26 to \$.35) a kilo to the 40 cents (\$.58) they say it required to cover costs, the farmers are demanding tougher EU production quotas. More government support is essential to stave off bankruptcies, they claim.

But the Europe-wide protests



Farmers spray milk on a field in Ciney, Belgium, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. Farmers in Belgium dumped 790,000 gallons of fresh milk on a field to underscore that European producers can't make a living from current rock-bottom milk prices.

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have also suffered from a lack of unity among farmers, with many either objecting to the spilling of milk or the strike itself.

The 27-nation EU already pays for extra help to farmers in addition to the €55 billion (\$80 billion) it pays annually for support payments, market regulation, storage aid, rural development and other projects.

Since the recovery from World War II, farming in Europe has always been exempt from free market forces as governments sought to end hunger and rationing by paying farmers to

increase food output.

By the 1990s, Europe's farms were paid to produce too much and the scandal of wasteful EU butter mountains and wine lakes prompted talks on reforming the industry to phase out state support. Quotas for milk production are scheduled to end in 2015.

Agriculture is still one of the most shielded economic sectors in the EU, but it has not been able to protect farmers from the global financial crisis that caused demand to crash.

"If we go on for another three months like this, 40 percent of French milk producers will be

condemned to bankruptcy," said Pascal Massol, a Breton farmer who leads the French protests.

EU farmers group Copa said without quick EU action, farmers would lose €10 billion (\$14 billion).

The European Union opposes tougher quotas, seeking instead to abolish the practice to let market forces have a stronger influence on production.

"I understand their emotions," EU Farm Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel said of Wednesday's milk protest. "It is a human reaction." □

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Gunfire, blast in Indonesian anti-terror raid

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SOLO, Indonesia (AP) — An explosion and gunfire rocked a besieged village house in central Indonesia where counterterrorism forces hunted Thursday for suspects in twin suicide bombings in the capital in July, witnesses and officials said.

Police cordoned off a neighborhood late Wednesday in a suburb of the Central Java city of Solo, a stronghold for hardline Islamist groups, and shots rang out through the night, an Associated Press reporter at the scene said.

An explosion went off around daybreak Thursday and an ambulance was seen driving away. Police had said a special forces operation was unfolding, but declined to give details. They could not be reached to comment on local television reports that several people were injured, including police officers.

"I ran out of my house in fear when I heard the gunfire," said Widjan, a neighbor, who like many Indonesian goes by one name.

The besieged property was rented several

months ago by a young couple, and the two work as teachers at an Islamic boarding school and a kindergarten, local village chief Suratim said.

Police were searching for key suspects believed to be hiding at the house, an official with the counterterrorism force said. Backup units with anti-explosives equipment were deployed, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to talk to the media. The raid comes as police continue a massive manhunt for perpetrators of attacks on the J.W. Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels in Jakarta on July 17. The blasts killed seven people and wounded more than 50, ending nearly four years without terrorist strikes in the world's most populous Muslim-majority country. Several suspects have been detained or gunned down in raids in recent weeks, but the alleged terrorist mastermind, Malaysian fugitive Noordin Muhammad Top, remains at large. Police are also still searching for several militant operatives believed to have planned the operation and recruited the bombers. □

Cuba won't take steps to better relations with U.S.

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HAVANA (AP) — Cuba will not make any political or policy concessions to improve relations with the U.S. — no matter how small, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said Wednesday, snubbing Washington's suggestions that some reforms could lead to better ties.

He told a news conference that the United States must lift its 47-year-old trade embargo without waiting for anything in return.

Rodriguez said U.S. trade sanctions have cost the island \$96 billion in economic damage since they took their current form in February 1962 as part of the Trading with the Enemy Act.

"The policy is unilateral and should be lifted unilaterally," Rodriguez said.

He called President Obama "well-intentioned and intelligent" and said that his administration has adopted a "modern, less aggressive" stance toward the island.

But Rodriguez shrugged off the White House's April decision to lift restrictions on Cuban-Americans who want to visit or send money to relatives in this country, saying those changes simply undid a tightening of the embargo imposed by President George W. Bush.

"Obama was a president elected on a platform of change. Where are the changes in the blockade against Cuba?" Rodriguez asked. Cuban officials have for decades characterized American trade sanctions as a blockade.

Obama has suggested it may be time for a new era in relations with Cuba, but has also said he will not consider lifting the embargo. On Monday, he signed a measure formally extending the policy for one year.

U.S. officials have said for months that they would like to see the single-party, communist state accept some political, economic or social changes before they make further modifications to Cuba

policy, but Rodriguez said it was not up to his country to appease Washington.

The foreign minister also refused to comment on suggestions by New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson that Cuba take small steps to improve relations with the U.S.

The governor, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, suggested during a recent visit here that Cuba reduce restrictions and fees for islanders who want to travel overseas and accept a U.S. proposal to let diplomats from both countries travel more freely in each other's territory.

Rodriguez took office after a March shake-up that ousted much of Cuba's younger leadership, including Foreign Minister and former Fidel Castro prodigy Felipe Perez Roque.

Officials from the U.S. and Cuba plan to meet Thursday in Havana to discuss reviving direct postal service between their countries, but Rodriguez refused to comment. Mail



Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez speaks about a Cuba's annual report on the effects of the U.S. trade embargo to the island, during a press conference in Havana, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. Cuba won't take any political or policy steps to improve relations with the U.S. and is demanding Washington lift its 47-year-old trade embargo without waiting for anything in return.

Associated Press

between the U.S. and the island has had to pass through third countries since August 1963.

"These talks are exploratory talks of a technical nature," said Gloria Berbena, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Interests Section, which Washington maintains in Cuba instead of an embassy.

"They support our efforts to further communication with the Cuban people and the administration sees this as a

potential avenue to improve communication between our countries' peoples," she told The Associated Press.

Rodriguez said the embargo itself blocks such communications, as well as costing Cuba \$1.2 billion a year in lost tourism revenue.

"The only country in the world where they prohibit the travel of Americans is to Cuba," he said. "Why? Are they afraid that they could learn firsthand about Cuban reality?" □

Gunmen kill 10 at Mexico drug treatment center

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CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Gunmen burst into a drug treatment center in the northern Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez and shot to death 10 people, the second such mass killing this month.

Police say nine men and one woman were killed in the attack just before midnight Tuesday at the Anexo de Vida center in Mexico's most violent city. Two people were seriously wounded.

Enrique Torres, a spokesman for Chihuahua state police, said Wednesday the identities of the gunmen and the motive for the attack have not yet been established.

But officials have said in the past that drug gangs may be using treatment centers to recruit dealers, or may be targeting them to eliminate rivals.

Most of the victims are believed to have been recovering addicts staying at the facility.

"Why? Why them?" said Pilar Macias, weeping after she identified the body of her brother, Juan Carlos Macias, 39. "He was recovering, he wanted to get back on the right track and they didn't let him, they didn't give him a chance." "This is going to kill my mother," Macias said. "She's very sick and this is going to kill her."

Macias said the mother had encouraged her son to enter the facility for treatment of his cocaine addiction three months ago.

Maria Hernandez also had come to the state prosecutor's office to identify the body of her 25-year son.

"He was good, he didn't hang out with gangs, he didn't have 'narco' friends," she said. "He just began with marijuana, and then ... they killed him."

On Sept. 2, gunmen lined patients against a wall at another rehabilitation center in Ciudad Juarez and then riddled them with bullets, killing 18.

Five men were killed at another rehabilitation center in June, and in August 2008, gunmen barged into a pastor's sermon at a rehabilitation center and opened fire, killing eight people. Authorities have not said if any of the attacks are related.

Ciudad Juarez has seen the worst of the nation's drug violence, with more than 1,300 deaths this year. The bloodshed has continued despite a buildup in troops since March.

Surging gang violence has claimed 13,500 lives since President Felipe Calderon took office in 2006 and deployed extra soldiers across the country to fight cartels. □

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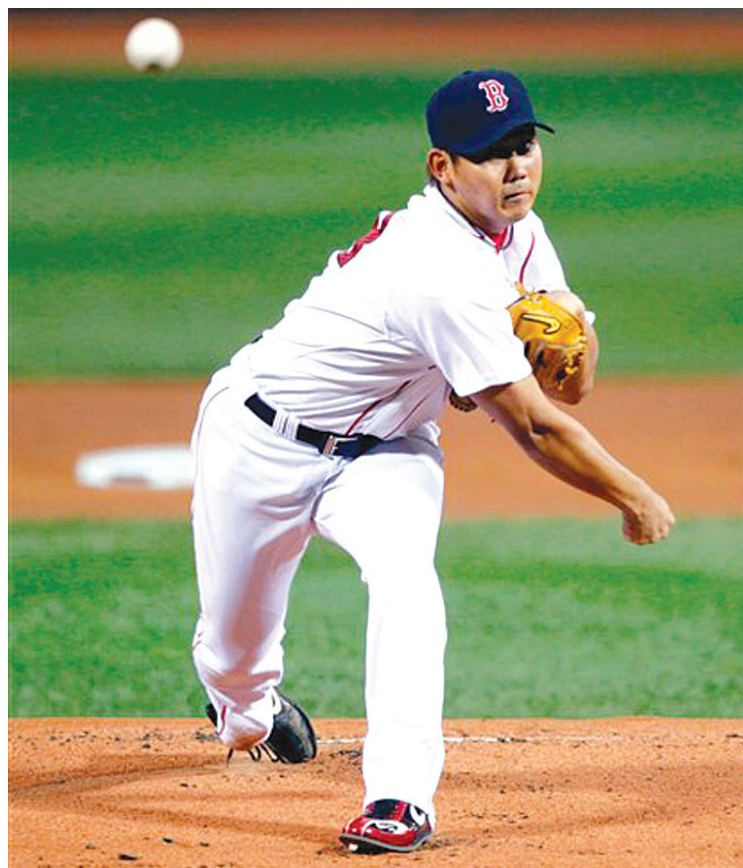
AL Roundup

Dice-K back to steer Red Sox over Angels

BOSTON (AP) — Boston's Daisuke Matsuzaka returned from a three-month stint on the disabled list and pitched six shutout innings to lead the Red Sox to a 4-1 win over the Los Angeles Angels in the American League on Tuesday. In a clash of the AL East and AL West leaders, Boston won its sixth straight game and David Ortiz hit his record-breaking 270th homer as a designated hitter.

An 18-game winner last year, Matsuzaka recorded just his second win this season. He was taken out after one batter in the seventh, having struck out five for his first win since June 2. In New York, Jorge Posada, the New York catcher, got into a fight with Toronto pitcher Jesse Carlson, sparking a frenzied, bench-clearing brawl during the Blue Jays' victory.

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Boston Red Sox's Daisuke Matsuzaka pitches in the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, in Boston.

Associated Press



New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays brawl on the field during the eighth inning of the Blue Jays' 10-4 victory in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, in New York. Blue Jays catcher Rod Barajas is on the ground at left. Blue Jays third base coach Nick Leyva (16) tries to separate participants. Yankees' Nick Swisher is in the center of the group.

Associated Press

Posada, Carlson suspended 3 games each for brawl

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NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada and Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Jesse Carlson were suspended for three games each and fined by Major League Baseball on Wednesday for their roles in a bench-clearing brawl.

The pair were cited for "aggressive and inappropriate actions" by MLB vice president Bob Watson and started serving the penalties immediately, a day after they tangled.

Yankees utilityman Shelley Duncan was suspended for three games and appealed.

Toronto manager Cito Gaston said Carlson was fined \$3,000 and catcher Rod Barajas was docked \$1,000. Posada was fined \$2,500, and Yankees hitting coach Kevin Long and pitcher Edwar Ramirez also were fined. □



Argentine Juan Martin del Potro, champion of the U.S. open tennis tournament, signs autographs upon his arrival in Buenos Aires, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. Del Potro defeated World's number one tennis player Swiss Roger Federer on Sept. 14.

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Now that he's won the U.S. Open, Juan Martin Del Potro has another goal. "My dream is to be No. 1, but it will be a long road," he

U.S. Open champ home to cheers of 'Ole, Del Pooo'

said on Wednesday at a news conference after arriving in his native Argentina. "Today there are players much better than me."

Del Potro was greeted at the Buenos Aires airport by chants of "Ole, Ole" and "Del Pooo, Del Pooo," the kind of hysteria usually reserved for Argentine football stars. Reporters and TV cameras jostled for space as he signed autographs, never losing his smile despite the mayhem.

Del Potro is back at No. 5 in the ATP rankings, far behind

No. 1 Roger Federer, whom he beat in Monday's U.S. Open final. Del Potro's upset victory — 3-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 — has boosted morale in Argentina, where the national football team was struggling to make next year's World Cup in South Africa. Argentina last missed qualifying in 1970. The highlight of his arrival home was expected later when he returns to his hometown of Tandil, about 350 kilometers (200 miles) south of Buenos Aires. The city of 100,000 was expected to hold a parade in his

honor. He was also expected to receive a key to the city and be designated the official "sports ambassador."

Asked to recall his victory over Federer, Del Potro smiled and offered little.

"I still don't understand a thing," he said. "I haven't had time to relax. I'm on automatic pilot."

Del Potro, the third Argentine to win the U.S. Open after Guillermo Vilas and Gabriela Sabatini, said he used his underdog status for motivation. □

NL Roundup

Marlins edge Cardinals 2-1, boosting playoff hopes

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Florida rookie Sean West had a season-high nine strikeouts to outpitch St. Louis ace Adam Wainwright and steer the Marlins to a vital 2-1 win over the Cardinals on Tuesday in the National League.

Dan Uggla's two-run homer in the sixth was the go-ahead hit for Florida, which edged within 4-1/2 games of the wild card berth with 17 to play.

The 23-year-old West topped his previous strikeout best of seven in six strong innings. He escaped with minimal damage in the fifth when the Cardinals loaded the bases with one out. Albert Pujols settled for a sacrifice fly to give St. Louis the lead, but Matt Holliday struck out to end the inning.

Giants 10, Rockies 2

In San Francisco, the hosts tightened the wild card race by downing Colorado.

Barry Zito struck out a season-high nine for the Giants, who moved within 2-1/2 games of the wild card-holding Rockies.

Juan Uribe drove in three runs for San Francisco, as Colorado slid to its fourth straight defeat.

Cubs 13, Brewers 7

In Chicago, the home team took advantage of 12 walks to crunch Milwaukee.

Geovany Soto homered and drove in three runs for the Cubs, who have won seven of eight to open just the slightest of playoff hopes.

Derrek Lee hit a two-run double and drove in three runs and Mike Fontenot had an RBI single and scored twice for Chicago.

Dodgers 5, Pirates 4, 13 innings

In Los Angeles, Andre Ethier hit a two-run homer in the 13th inning — his major league-leading sixth walkoff hit of the season — giving Los Angeles victory over Pittsburgh.

Four of Ethier's game-ending hits have been home

runs. The NL West-leading Dodgers moved five games ahead of Colorado in the fight for the divisional title. Ethier hit the first pitch from Phil Dumatrait for his 30th homer and 97th and 98th RBIs of the season. Rafael Furcal opened the inning with a single.

Braves 6, Mets 0

In Atlanta, the hosts shut out New York to notch a fifth straight win and keep faint playoff ambitions alive.

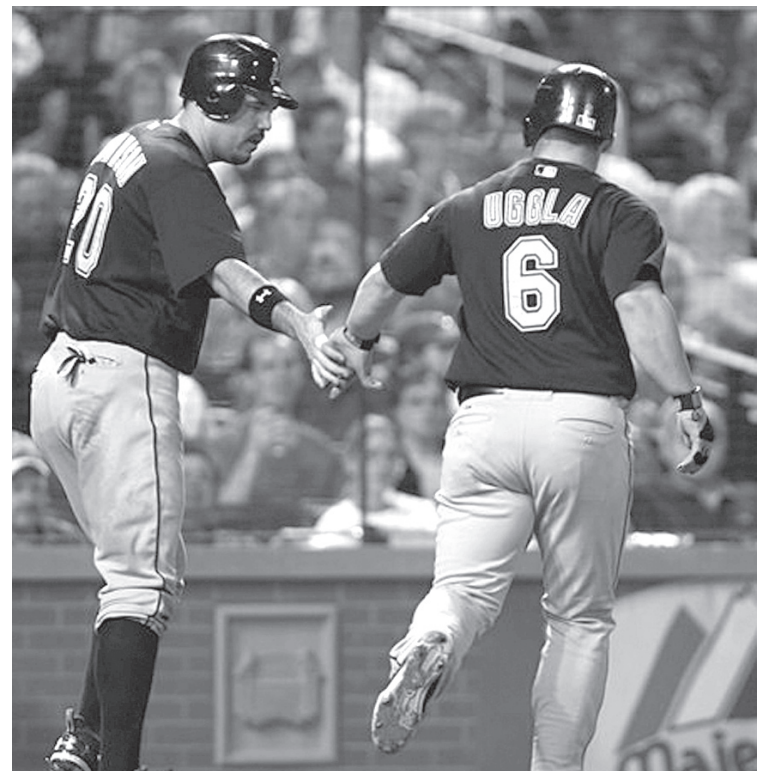
Adam LaRoche had two homers, two doubles and drove in three runs for the Braves, who closed within 5 games of the wild card.

Rookie Tommy Hanson pitched seven scoreless innings for Atlanta, striking out eight.

Reds 5, Astros 4

In Cincinnati, Paul Janish drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning with his third double, leading Cincinnati over Houston.

Houston pitcher Sammy Gervachio opened the seventh by hitting Corky Miller. After a sacrifice and



a strikeout, Janish lined a double to right-center to help send the Astros to their third consecutive loss.

Phillies 5, Nationals 0

In Philadelphia, Cliff Lee threw a complete game shutout to guide Philadelphia past Washington.

Lee struck out nine and walked three to record his second shutout and sixth complete game this season.

Carlos Ruiz hit a three-run double for the defending World Series champions, who stayed seven games clear atop the NL East.

Diamondbacks 4, Padres 2
In San Diego, Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning off

San Diego closer Heath Bell to lift Arizona to victory.

Reynolds hit his 42nd homer on a 3-1 pitch from Bell. He earlier struck out twice to up his season total to 196.

Bell, who blew consecutive save chances on Friday and Saturday against Colorado, is tied for the NL lead with 37 saves.

In other NL games it was, Philadelphia 5, Washington 0; Cincinnati 5, Houston 4; Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 0; Chicago Cubs 13, Milwaukee 7; Florida 2, St. Louis 1; Arizona 4, San Diego 2; L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 4, 13 innings; and San Francisco 10, Colorado 2. □



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FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The NFL assessed \$125,000 in fines to the New York Jets and former coach Eric Mangini on Wednesday for violating the league's rules on injury reporting with former quarterback Brett Favre last season.

The Jets failed to place Favre, now with the Minnesota Vikings, on the injury report during the final month of last season even though he had a torn biceps tendon.

The league announced it had fined the Jets \$75,000, and Mangini and Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum \$25,000 apiece. Mangini now coaches the Cleveland Browns.

"We have been fully cooperative with the league throughout this investigation

and respect their decision," the Jets said in a statement.

Mangini wants to put the situation behind him.

"I have worked with the league on this matter and now consider it closed," he said in a statement. "My focus is on our preparations for the Broncos."

Hiding injuries could affect an opponent's preparation and the NFL has stepped up policing such practices. Commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday that the case would be an opportunity for the league to stress that all teams must abide by the injury report rules.

Last week, Tannenbaum admitted the Jets should have listed Favre as "probable" on their injury reports. That came a day after Favre said he thought he was hurting the Jets because of the injury and discussed it with the coaches

NFL fines NY Jets, ex-coach for Brett Favre injury coverup

and the front office. He said he would have been willing to sit out, even though that would have ended his streak of consecutive starts, which now stands at 270 games.

Tannenbaum said the team didn't list Favre on the report because the injury wasn't severe enough to require daily treatment and there was never any doubt Favre would play. Tannenbaum also assumed full responsibility for the mistake. Mangini said he has always abided by the league's

guidelines for injury reports. "That was true there (in New York). It's true here," Mangini said. "It'll be true every week of the season and that's how we approach it."

Favre led the Jets to an 8-3 start and first place in the AFC East. But he threw nine interceptions down the stretch and the team lost four of its last five, missing the playoffs. He retired after the season, and was later released by the Jets. Favre came out of retirement — for the second

time — last month and signed with Minnesota.

Favre told reporters last week he may not be able to play all 16 games with the Vikings, even after the biceps tendon was surgically repaired. He said he's playing with a torn rotator cuff and suggested he might have a cracked rib.

Favre completed 14 of 21 passes for 110 yards and a touchdown in the Vikings' season-opening 34-20 win over Mangini's Browns on Sunday. □

AL ROUNDUP

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Two Toronto batters were hit by pitches, and Carlson retaliated by throwing one behind Posada in the eighth.

After later scoring, Posada brushed Carlson — backing up at home plate — after crossing to complete the run. The umpire ejected Posada as Carlson shouted abuse at the catcher. The two wrestled to the ground as the benches and bullpens emptied and scuffles broke out.

Athletics 6, Rangers 1

In Arlington, Texas, Rajai Davis scored the first run then matched a career best with four RBIs for Oakland in the win over Texas.

Texas has lost four of five in its homestand and remains mired 5-1/2 games behind AL wild-card leader Boston with only 18 games left.

David Murphy's leadoff homer in the fourth snapped the Rangers' 22-inning scoreless streak, their longest in five years, but they were down 4-1 and didn't score again.

White Sox 6, Mariners 3

In Seattle, A.J. Pierzynski hit a two-run, go-ahead single in the seventh inning to lift Chicago over Seattle.

Seattle pitcher Shawn Kelley gave up two

singles to start the inning. The White Sox then scored three times for a 5-3 lead, taking advantage of a shaky Seattle bullpen.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 626th home run — 15th this season — for the Mariners in the second.

Royals 11, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Alberto Callaspo, David DeJesus and Miguel Olivo all hit three-run homers for Kansas City in the routing of Texas.

The last-place Royals have beaten the AL Central-leading Tigers five straight times, four in the past eight days.

Detroit's lead in the Central was cut to 4-1/2 games ahead of Minnesota.

In Minneapolis, Nick Punto had three hits and two RBIs for Minnesota, which edged Cleveland.

Brian Buscher had a go-ahead RBI single in a two-run sixth inning and Jon Rauch pitched 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief, helping the Twins revive their faint playoff ambitions.

In other AL games it was, Kansas City 11, Detroit 1; Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 5; Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 4; Boston 4, L.A. Angels 1; Oakland 6, Texas 1; Minnesota 5, Cleveland 4; and Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 3. □

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Chávez cree vergonzoso que Colombia no dé detalles pacto EEUU

CARACAS (Reuters) - El presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, calificó el miércoles de vergonzoso el hecho de que Colombia se niegue a mostrar los detalles de su acuerdo militar con Estados Unidos por no tener permiso de la Casa Blanca, en un nuevo capítulo de la disputa entre las naciones vecinas.

El líder socialista ordenó congelar las relaciones con la nación andina como protesta por el acuerdo, que permite una mayor presencia en bases colombianas de militares de Estados Unidos, país que considera su mayor enemigo político. “¡Vaya qué vergüenza, da pena ajena!”, dijo Chávez refiriéndose al tema durante un acto de inicio del año escolar. Durante una reunión el martes de ministros de Defensa y cancilleres de la Unión de Naciones Suramericanas (Unasur), Colombia rechazó detallar el plan militar por no tener autorización de Washington. “El Gobierno de Colombia quedó nuevamente y totalmente aislado de todo lo que es la Unión de Naciones Suramericanas”, agregó el mandatario. Chávez dijo que su Gobierno

no insistirá en pedir a Bogotá garantías sobre el uso de sus bases “porque si aquí hay alguna garantía es que van a utilizar esas bases yanqui contra nosotros, en primer lugar, para hacer inteligencia, contrainteligencia y conspirar contra Venezuela”.

Además llamó a los militares y a la población a prepararse para la defensa de la patria. Por años el Gobierno ha impulsado el entrenamiento de milicias para que combatan en una supuesta guerra asimétrica contra “el imperio” estadounidense.

El acuerdo autorizaría a Estados Unidos a utilizar siete bases militares colombianas para operaciones antidrogas y el Gobierno del presidente Alvaro Uribe lo ha defendido como necesario para seguir combatiendo el flagelo del narcotráfico y la guerrilla izquierdista.

El ministro colombiano de Defensa, Gabriel Silva, dijo el miércoles que su país podría evaluar retirarse de la Unasur alegando una falta de sensibilidad de los miembros sobre temas clave como el armamentismo, tráfico de armas, narcotráfico y el crimen organizado. □

Al Gore dará conferencia ambiental en Panamá

PANAMA (AP) - El ex vicepresidente estadounidense Al Gore, ofrecerá en Panamá una conferencia sobre los efectos del calentamiento global y su impacto en Panamá, se anunció el miércoles.

Gore, autor del libro “An Inconvenient Truth” (Una verdad incómoda), dará una disertación de 90 minutos seguida de una ronda de preguntas el 30 de septiembre en el Centro de Convenciones ATLAPA en la capital panameña.

“Es una oportunidad única para conocer sobre los impactos del cambio climático y sobre lo que podemos hacer para controlarlo”, dijo David Candanedo gerente de la empresa Magic Dream que organiza la conferencia.

La disertación abordará los efectos y causas del calentamiento global, sobre cómo está impactando a Panamá y cuáles podrían ser sus efectos en el canal interoceánico y en la cuenca que abastece de agua dulce a esa importante vía marítima, por donde transita cerca del 5% del comercio marítimo mundial. La conferencia también planteará las acciones que se pueden hacer para controlar los efectos del cambio climático. □



El presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, durante la inauguración del año escolar en Naiguata, Venezuela, 16 sep 2009. Chávez calificó el miércoles de vergonzoso el hecho de que Colombia se niegue a mostrar los detalles de su acuerdo militar con Estados Unidos por no tener permiso de la Casa Blanca, en un nuevo capítulo de la disputa entre las naciones vecinas. REUTERS/Jorge Silva

Candidatos hondureños piden respeto a proceso electoral

SAN JOSE (AP) - Cuatro candidatos presidenciales hondureños manifestaron el miércoles en esta capital su respaldo al Acuerdo de San José, presentado en julio por el mandatario costarricense Oscar Arias, pero al mismo tiempo pidieron respeto para el proceso en esa nación que culminará el 29 de noviembre con las elecciones.

Aunque previamente Arias había señalado que buscaría hacer entender a los aspirantes que el proceso electoral hondureño no sería reconocido por la comunidad internacional, Elvin Santos, del gobernante partido Liberal destacó que ese proceso arrancó mucho antes de “los hechos del 28 de junio” cuando fue derrocado el mandatario Manuel Zelaya. “Hemos venido a ser solidarios con un ambiente que procure encontrar el camino a la armonía y la paz, el Acuerdo de San José es el camino por el que queremos transitar y lo vamos a apoyar, que no quede duda de eso... pero queremos peticionar de manera respetuosa que se respete nuestro proceso electoral”, dijo Santos en rueda de prensa.

No obstante, consultados de forma directa sobre si apoyan el retorno de Zelaya, como lo establece el Acuerdo, las respuestas fueron evasivas. Porfirio Lobo, del partido Nacional alegó que como candidatos no son representantes de los poderes hondureños, por lo tanto no son los llamados a referirse a ese punto aunque todos aseguraron que harán gestiones “para instar a ambas partes para encontrar la senda de la reconciliación”, como se apuntó en el comunicado.

En el caso de Santos, evitó una respuesta directa y refirió al tema de las sanciones, al clamar a la comunidad internacional para que suspendan las diversas medidas impuestas contra Honduras, como Estados Unidos, que cortó ayudas y canceló visas. “Estas sanciones están afectando al pueblo hondureño y esto no puede esperar a que alguno de nosotros gane las elecciones y defina una solución el problema, debe solventarse ahora, hay un sentido de urgencia. La comunidad internacional no puede empujar a Honduras al precipicio y debe suspender las acciones”, manifestó.

El candidato liberal horas antes comentó en Honduras que Zelaya lo ha amenazado, pero ante una pregunta sobre el tema, no ofreció explicaciones claras. “El proceso de amenazas, de declaraciones a nivel internacional para denigrar un país ha sido constante y permanente... hace dos días fue un boicot a las elecciones, un llamado a la insurrección... nosotros buscamos una salida armónica a este conflicto y por eso estamos aquí”, dijo.

Santos fue el que más habló de los cuatro aspirantes que suscribieron un comunicado tras la cita en esta capital con Arias, en el cual destacaron “nuestra convicción que, de suscribirse, el Acuerdo de San José puede ofrecer una solución equilibrada a la crisis política” de Honduras pero destacaron que para eso deberá haber “consenso” y “total respaldo a la realización de las elecciones generales del 29 de noviembre 2009” □



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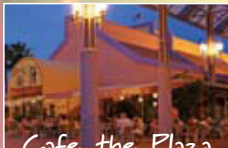
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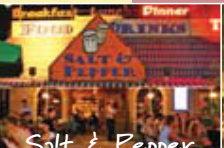
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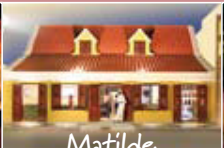
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